

The Promise

The People of Covenant are called to:
gather, grow and go serve with Gods Love!



February 2023 The Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Dear Covenant,

Thank you to everyone who made it through the snow and cold for our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023. I am grateful to Deb Oakland and all of Council for their work leading up to and at the meeting. Thank you to our ministry teams for your reports and to Gary and John for introducing us to the Reconciling in Christ process. As I said in my annual report, this process is worthy of our hearts, our prayers and our discernment. Thank you to the staff for preparing our documents and slides as well. I'm grateful to be on this journey with all of you.

Soon, we will undertake another Lenten Journey, as will millions around the world. I love that so many will enter Lent and it will look different in each church, each country and in each heart. Our Lenten journey will give us an opportunity to Ask questions.

At some point in every Christian's life, they discover a question. You know the kind. Not How are you? or What kind of toothpaste should I buy?

But What really happens when we die? Or Why does this terrible stuff happen to people who do their best to follow God? Or How could God forgive me after what I've done? Or How do I know what God wants me to do next? You know. That kind of question.

A note from the Pastor continues on the following page >>



Often, people feel isolated when they discover that type of question, as if they are the only ones asking it. For whatever reason, questions like this often feel like obstacles to our faith. They may feel forbidden, out-of-bounds.

In the Bible, we read about characters like Job and Nicodemus asking questions that sound like ours, only to hear what sounds like a bit of a touchy response from God.

But what if faith requires us to ask questions?

What if questions are an essential part of our personal faith?

What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith?

In Jesus' own words, "Come and see".

We kick off Lent with our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

Ashes to Go will be available at Covenant 7-9am

Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7pm, Wednesday, February. 22 @ Covenant.

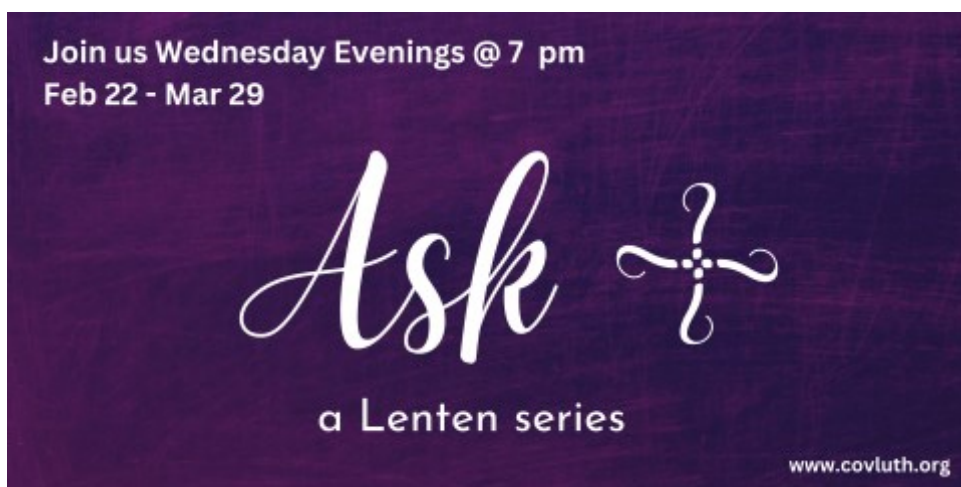
Come and see Jesus!

Lenten Worship and Ashes To-Go

Ashes to-go on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd 7-9am,

Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes Feb 22nd 7pm

Wed. Evening Lenten Services at 7pm February 22 – March 29th



'Ask' Midweek Worship." © 2023 by Barn Geese Worship. Used by permission of Barn Geese Worship. [Invitation adapted by Pastor Wendy Moen.]

Council News

It's a cold, snowy Sunday afternoon following a very productive Annual Meeting. I want to thank each and every one of you that ventured out today after many inches of snow (and the need for a lot of shoveling) to be a part of the meeting and let your voices be heard.

Our congregation approved several important motions today. Some highlights:

The proposed 2022 Constitution and Bylaws were approved with some slight wording changes. The required amendments in the Constitution go into effect immediately. The non-required amendments and the Bylaws were approved but will not be in effect until the next congregational meeting where we will vote to ratify them.

Elections were held. The 2022 Nominating Committee presented two candidates to represent Covenant at the Synod Assembly in May: Dessa Thelen and Tom Christian. Five candidates were presented for the five open positions on the Endowment Foundation Board: Cindy Seely (for a 2nd term), Karen Hanson (for her 1st full term), Tim Rusch (for a 1st term), Marsha Hobson (for a 1st term) and Laura Just (for a 1st term). Three candidates were presented for the Audit Team: Craig McCallum, Russ Melland, and Lisa Stout. There were no further nominations from the floor and a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Since there were no new nominations, a voice vote was held and the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee were elected. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for recruiting candidates and congratulations to the elected individuals.

After Donna Tarpinian, our treasurer, presented information regarding Covenant's financial position and a proposed budget for 2023, an amended motion was made "to approve the proposed 2023 budget as presented in addition to authorizing the congregation council to increase compensation for non-rostered staff up to 3% not to exceed a total increase of \$2,500. The amended motion was approved.

Gary Tarpinian and John Surrell from the Social Action Team presented information regarding the Reconciling in Christ initiative. Following their presentation, a motion was made that Covenant's Welcome Statement be reviewed and modified in light of the Reconciling in Christ initiative, to be presented to the Congregation at a future meeting for approval. This motion received unanimous support.

I want to close by thanking those who presented information for our annual meeting today whether in person or with a written report. A very special thank you to Pastor Wendy and the staff and the many volunteers for your service. **Let's continue to "Gather, Grow and Go Serve . . . With God's Love."**

Deb Oakland, Council President

Volunteer Schedule

Volunteers



Thank You



Role	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Assistant Minister	Vodak, Greg	Andrusz, Kathy	Oakland, Deb	Thompson, Ingrid
Lector	Tarpinian, Gary	Royston, Rebecca	Chose, Philayne	Vols, Marijo
Usher Team Leader	Chose, Thomas	Herbst, Mark	Nissler, Karl	Westrand, Tamarine
Ushers	Cope, Jack Cope, Helga Pietruszynski, Oliver Surrell, Jude	Cook, Bill Hanson-Cook, Rhetta Herbst, Garrett Herbst, Evan Herbst, Caleb	Anderson, Thor Grefsheim, Larry Olson, Larry E	Heil, Matthew Heil, Judy Tarpinian, Gary Vodak, Greg
Communion Assistant	Oakland, Deb Oakland, Dan	Oakland, Deb Oakland, Dan	Oakland, Deb Oakland, Dan	Oakland, Deb Oakland, Dan
Altar Guild	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)

Volunteer Assignments for Worship Services in February

Please let the office know if you are unable to make your scheduled date or if you are interested in changing the way you are currently being scheduled. Amanda will be happy to get you on the volunteer schedule as your time allows!

Treasurer's Report

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK:

These Reports are an easy way to share the Church's financial position giving the congregation a simple view of where the church stands on budget, expenses while also sharing that same information from the previous year.

DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	Current Month Actual	Same Month Last Year Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Contributed Income	21,306.00	31,298.45	229,864.06	255,000.00	222,363.51
Misc. Benevolence	-	-	8,330.00	800.00	-
Other Income	4,229.69	993.05	37,170.36	45,898.00	26,693.33
TOTAL INCOME	25,535.69	32,291.50	275,364.42	301,698.00	249,056.84
EXPENSE					
Mission Partners	1,964.17	5,861.04	29,858.21	25,501.00	25,553.81
Staff	18,011.85	18,939.03	173,985.13	189,832.00	140,156.20
Education	102.73	139.58	6,739.70	6,600.00	1,859.86
Stewardship	-	26.11	312.91	700.00	264.61
Congregational Life	-	-	656.84	750.00	450.94
Social Action	-	170.40	640.04	1,000.00	578.40
Worship & Music	277.00	1,103.14	9,026.12	7,300.00	4,631.18
Office Administration	1,703.12	2,175.01	27,436.17	27,465.00	22,637.34
Occupancy	3,723.35	2,842.28	48,345.36	42,550.00	33,184.99
TOTAL EXPENSE	25,782.22	31,256.59	297,000.48	301,698.00	229,317.33
INCOME – EXPENSE	-246.53	1,034.91	-21,636.06	0.00	19,739.51

We finished out the year with a deficit when we compare actual expenses to our budget but we were fortunate to have enough money in our General Fund (i.e., checking account) to cover the deficit. Additionally, our contributed income increased 3.4% over what was contributed last year! So even though our expenses exceeded our income, I believe that there is much to be thankful for and I am hopeful that we will continue to see growth throughout the year to support our ministries. Thanks to all of you for your continued contributions throughout the year. Thanks be to God!

Donna Tarpinian, Treasurer

P.S. We are going to post the financial reports for the previous month once they have been approved by the Council. Look for the reports in the hallway next to the member mailboxes.

Safe Spaces to Learn



Black History Month should serve as a reminder of how much we have yet to learn about racism in our country. This learning, of course, shouldn't be limited to this one month of the year, but should be spread throughout the whole year.

The Social Action Committee put together a list of recommended books of a variety of genres. You might consider reading one or more of these books during February (or in the coming months)...

You are welcome to “borrow” any of these books. Since these books belong to committee members, we simply ask that you please use the sign out sheet so that we know who has which book.



For the month of February we are going to be highlighting at least one hymn a week chosen for its connection to African American history and traditions.

For the first week, the hymn is Give Me Jesus ELW 770.



Give Me Jesus – This is an African American spiritual that in some versions begins “I heard my mother say.” It was part of the repertoire of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, the group that formed at Fisk University in the 1870’s and moved African American spirituals to a public and world-wide stage. Their story is told in the book that joins the phrase “Dark midnight” to “when I rise.” Give Me Jesus was printed in their *Jubilee Songs (New York, 1872)*, where it began “O when I come to die.” The version in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal* comes through *This Far by Faith* hymnal (1999).

There is a copy of This Far By Faith on the table celebrating Black History month. You are invited to check out this hymnal of the ELCA which highlights the music and traditions of the African American community. The narrative of Give Me Jesus moves from morning to midnight to the break of day to death – that is, back and forth across all of life as it rises, wails, and dies. And then to encompass everything, it wants to sing. The song it sings is “Give me Jesus.”

Info from *The Hymnal Companion to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*.



Join us after church
on Sunday, February
5th for an information
session.



As Covenant looks to improve its welcome statement making it clear that we invite all, with the Love and Kindness of Jesus.

We invite you to join a safe space to ask questions, get answers and open dialog that will help us to understand the love of Jesus.





Covenant Lutheran Lunch Bunch

Join every first Wednesday of the Month at 11:30 am

Meeting at 11:30 am
on March 1st at:
The Café on Main
in Edgerton, WI



We Encourage Everyone to join this Dutch-treat style gathering.
contact Ann Nelson or the office for more information!



Bible Study is Meeting Weekly

Join Wednesdays @ 7pm in-person in the Gateway Room or via zoom!

[Click here to Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

**Come learn and grow together while we discuss the Bible.
This is a non-committal opportunity there is no homework,
no required preparation. Just come as you are!**



NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT,
AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM.



Movie Night

On Friday, February 10th, at 6:00 Covenant Lutheran Church



Showing Disney's 1997 Hercules.

Bring yourself, family, or any friends who would enjoy an evening out.



- Big Screen
- Popcorn
- Lemonade
- Gospel Music
- A questionable retelling of the life of a Greek god
- A young man learning what it means to be a hero
- Anyone who wants a fun evening out



Enter the church through the doors to the Clothing Center on the back side of the church. The cinema is at the end of the hallway.



Shrove Tuesday-Mardi Gras



Pancake Feast



February 21st at 5:30pm
Come enjoy
All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes
at Covenant!



RSVP to Tam, Pat or the sheet in the Narthex



Covenant Lutheran Book Group



A Special Invitation to YOU, Please Join!

No need to read the book before joining the conversation.
Just show up, as you are.

Jane Goodall tells the story of becoming a messenger of hope and her journey from the forest to World Wide Advocacy for Environmental Justice.

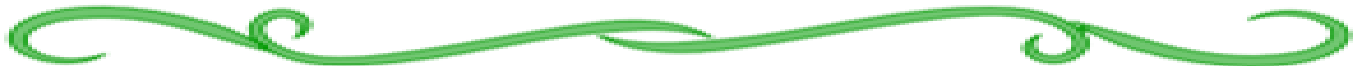


**Meeting February 9th at 1pm
in the Gateway Room**

**THE BOOK OF
HOPE**

*Jane Goodall
and Doug Adams*

*A Survival Guide for
Trying Times*



Feeding the Hungry



In Search of Volunteers to serve food.



2nd Friday of each month

from 10:30-1:30,

at St. Marks in Madison

(Upcoming dates:

Feb. 10, March 10, April 14)



If you are interested please contact

Pat Johnson at 608-535-0441 or

johnson.pat.skip@gmail.com



Thank you for your partnership in this Ministry!

Invited to Connect

Covenant Social Action Committee



Will you join our meeting this month?

February 20th at 6:30 pm

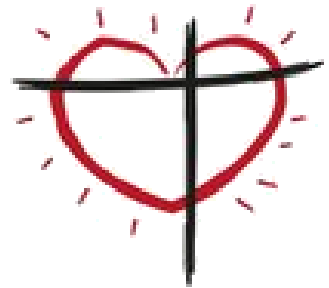
By Zoom only

Scan the QR code or click [Here](#)

to join the Meeting!



Come
feel the
Love of Jesus
right here at Covenant!



Invited to Connect

Join the Vocal Choir



All singers, high school age and up, are welcome.

We rehearse at 8:15 on Sunday mornings in the music room
(next to the columbarium) **please join us!**

For more information, contact Beth Gardner
(bethgardner5678@gmail.com or 608-873-9426)
or talk to any choir member.



Looking for another **Easy, Stress Free** way
to **Get Involved** at Covenant Lutheran Church?

We have opportunities for you!!

Is it a weekly, monthly or seldom commitment you are looking for?

We have many ways to get involved!

Sunday Worship Service Assistants

Weekday Service Prep

Church Committees

Sunday School

& Much More!

Contact the office if you're interested in information
on our current Volunteer Opportunities!



Recruiting Sewers for Blanket Makers

Blanket Makers shine a bright light on their need for more sewers.



Although it may seem like a broken record,
we really *DO* need more sewers.

Might you know someone who could sew blanket tops?

We offer fabric, instructions, as well as ongoing assistance as needed.
Sewers can work from home or use sewing machines at church.



We invite all interested persons to join us on
Tuesdays 830-Noon or work on their own at home.

Workers do not have to be members of Covenant to help us.

Thank you for prayerfully considering these requests.
Any help you can give us would be gratefully appreciated.

Respectfully, Leaders - Judy Heil, Marsha McBroom and Ingrid Thompson



New Year, New Hospitality!

Fellowship following worship is Gathering for light refreshments,
Growing from conversation and replenish our light before we Go out
again into the world to do Good Work for our Lord!

We have simplified hospitality!



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Choose to provide
set-up, refreshments and clean-up any Sunday you choose.

It would be ideal to have two people or family's sign-up each week.
Coffee will always be served even on those Sundays no one has signed
up to bring refreshments. Many thanks to all the helping hands!

Safe Spaces to Learn



Amazing Grace is a 2006 British-American biographical drama film directed by Michael Apted, about the campaign against the slave trade in the British Empire, led by William Wilberforce, who was responsible for steering anti-slave trade legislation through the British parliament. The title is a reference to the 1772 hymn "Amazing Grace". The film also recounts the experiences of John Newton as a crewman on a slave ship and subsequent religious conversion, which inspired his writing of the poem later used in the hymn. Newton is portrayed as a major influence on Wilberforce and the abolition movement.

Season 2 of Talks at the Desk continues February, 2023



African Descent Ministries of the ELCA celebrates Black History Month with “Talks at the Desk,” a four-part video series that will explore diverse expressions of the church.

A new video will premiere each Wednesday in February at 7:30pm CST. Watch them live on Facebook, stream them on YouTube or download them at <https://ELCA.org/ADM>.

Save the date!

Ring & Sing



We are planning a Spring Ring & Sing for Sunday, April 30th! Watch more information about how you can be involved. We are hoping to have as many musicians as possible. If you have questions or you'd like to be involved, please email Meghann at meghann_foug@yahoo.com.



VBS Dates & RSVP

Save the date!

This summer we are partnering with Lutherdale once again to bring Vacation Bible School to Covenant. It will be happening July 17-21. The day will run from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If you have children who would like to participate, the participants will need to have completed kindergarten - 6th grade. Last year we had a waitlist, so please think about if you want this to be an option for your children. We are giving congregation members the first opportunity to save spot (s) using this [link](#).

If you save a spot and conflicts arise, just let Karla know, and we can give the spot (s) to someone else. Costs and information will be coming out at a later date. The cost will not be more than last year (\$50). Scholarships are also available.



**Do you remember the excitement of church activities
in your youth?**



Help Covenant create great memories!

**Looking for adults willing to help with activities
planned for increasing youth participation,
Sunday School through High School age!**

**We only ask that you practice
radical acceptance of all of God's children!**

No commitment necessary.
Contact Pastor Wendy for information



Have extra time? Care to cook for members?

Marijo Vols is organizing a group to provide meals to members who could use a little TLC. The idea is to prepare easily frozen meal and dessert items, in the kitchen at Covenant as a group. To be delivered to members as needed. If you are interested in helping with this ministry group please contact Marijo Vols!

Email: d vols1@charter.net or 608-873-0622

Thank you for your kindness!



Additionally, if you know of a member
who could use a meal, **Please let the office know!**

Clothing Center



Stoughton Clothing Center helps everyone!



The Stoughton Clothing Center receives daily requests for winter jackets, snow pants, insulated mittens/gloves and boots. If you have gently used winter outerwear especially in children's sizes we can get them into the hands of families who need them!

Everyone is welcome
Come shop the Stoughton Clothing Center!
No referral or identification is needed!

Our current schedule is posted on a Google Document [here](#), and on our website (www.stoughtonclothingcenter.com).

Please view the schedule before you plan to visit, for updated hours and availability.

We are also open by appointment via email at contact@stoughtonclothingcenter.com or message us through our Facebook page The Clothing Center.

The Stoughton Clothing Center is located at the back entrance of Covenant Lutheran Church. Typical weekly hours are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am – noon, and Thursdays from 10 am – 5:30 pm.

The Clothing Center is extremely appreciative for the partnership with Covenant as they work to serve a need in our community day after day.



Thank you for helping to make every season brighter for our neighbors and surrounding communities members!

Together we are building a Supportive and Safe Community!

February 2023 topic: Blood Pressure

What do the numbers mean?



- ✦ Top/first number: pressure in your blood vessels when you heart beats
- ✦ Bottom/second number: pressure when your heart relaxes between beats

What are the blood pressure categories?

Normal	less than 120/less than 80
Elevated	120 to 129/less than 80
Stage 1 high blood pressure	130 to 139/80 to 89
Stage 2 high blood pressure	140 or more/90 or more

What kind of home device should I use?

- ✦ AVOID wrist and finger monitors because the readings are not reliable
- ✦ Select an automatic, certified device that has a cuff for the upper arm
- ✦ Measure around your upper arm & choose a device with a correct size cuff

How do I check my blood pressure at home?

- ✦ Avoid tobacco, caffeine or exercise within 30 minutes of checking
- ✦ Place the cuff on your BARE, LEFT upper arm. The bottom of the cuff should be 1 inch above the bend of the elbow & the air tube should run down the middle of the inside of your ar.
- ✦ Sit quietly in a chair (not the sofa/couch) for at least 5 minutes with your feet flat on the floor and legs uncrossed. Support your lower arm on a flat surface such as a table. (Upper arm should be at heart level.) After 5 minutes of sitting quietly without talking, press the device button to begin measurement.
- ✦ Check 2 or 3 readings about a minute apart & keep a written list. Best times: morning before medications + evening before supper/dinner.
- ✦ Check at the same time/s every day



In faith and health, Denise Pigarelli

Resources: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), [heart.org](https://www.heart.org)



Thank you to Covenant
**Members, Volunteers, Friends, Neighbors,
Musicians, Pastor and Staff!**

Covenant Lutheran Church **SURVIVES** on the
DEDICATION & LOVE you **SHARE!**

The world is blessed by your generosity.

Blessings to you as you continue to bless others.

May God's Grace and Love Surround you always!



Gratitude



Everyone deserves a home to have their hat.

Dear Covenant Congregation,

HOUSING ADVOCACY TEAM OF STOUGHTON, INC.

1525 N. Van Buren St., Stoughton, WI 53589

hatsofstoughton@gmail.com

January 17, 2023

Your continued support of the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton, Inc. (HATS, Inc.) *Step Forward Program* through your recent tithing of \$39.28 makes a significant difference in our efforts to help Stoughton area families who struggle to achieve stable affordable housing. We are extremely grateful for your support.

With gratitude,

Joyce Kaping, Secretary

on behalf of the

Board of Directors

Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton, Inc.

Mark Petersen, Joyce Kaping, Mike Eversoll,
Teresa Hermanson, Cindy McGlynn, Donna Tarpinian,
Sharon Mason-Boersma, Scott Dirks



January 9, 2023

Dear Covenant Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support of SToughton Area Resource Team Inc. (START) through your recent donation of \$108.03. Your generous gift will help Stoughton Area School District residents experiencing hardship or crisis. It will allow us to link families with community resources and provide support in case management, housing, utilities, health, employment, education, and all other areas of basic needs. Please know that your contribution truly makes a difference.

Thank you again for your generosity, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. I can be reached at 608-577-5650 or lbraund@startstoughton.org.

With gratitude,

Executive Director

Laura Braund

START is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

SToughton Area Resource Team - START

135 W Main St, Suite 102

Stoughton, WI 53589

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January 6, 2023

Dear Friends of Covenant Lutheran Church;

Skaalen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center gratefully acknowledges your gift of \$39.28.

Thank you for this gift that will help us care for all who reside here for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kris Krentz
President/CEO

Skaalen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center gratefully acknowledges your gift of \$50.00 for Christmas gifts for residents.



January 13, 2023



Thank you for your Christmas gift of \$19.64. Your support will have an overwhelming and positive impact on children of all ages in the year ahead. It helps us to keep our cost of camp lower so that all families can afford to send their children and to provide scholarships to those families who need additional support. We are committed to providing a meaningful camp experience to all campers, regardless of their ability to pay. Your gift is even more important this year as we all face the challenges of rising costs. Thank you for being the light of Christ in this season of giving. We remember that Christ came to us as Immanuel, God with us. Your gift helps us to be able to continue to share that story of God's love and grace with each person who comes to Lutherdale.

Grace and Peace,

Tracy Polzin
Rev Tracy Polzin
Executive Director
tracy@lutherdale.org

*Thank you for your partnership
in ministry!*

Donor: Covenant Lutheran Church Gift: \$16.64 Type: Check #22894 Date: 12/7/2022

Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization. All gifts to Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc. are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. No goods or services were provided to the donor by Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc. in consideration of this charitable donation.

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Gratitude



Lutheran
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Ministry
Madison, WI

January 10, 2023

325 North Mills Street
Madison, WI 53715

608-257-7178

www.lcmmadison.org

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Your ongoing support ensures that students at UW-Madison have a community of faith that supports them and accompanies them during their formative college years.

As the spring semester unfolds, we are looking forward to continuing the vital work that your support makes possible: diligently reaching out to students and connecting them with a supportive and affirming community.

Thank you again for your gift. May God bless you.

In Christ,

Pastor Emily

Rev. Emily Tveite
Campus Pastor & Director

Thank you so much for your support!

Lutheran Campus Ministry is a nonprofit organization under IRS code 501(c)(3). No goods or services were provided by the organization in return for this donation.



December 30, 2022

Global Health Ministries

Helping the hands that heal

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your partnership in making health for all more than a slogan. Your support has helped make it possible for Global Health Ministries (GHM) to ship life-changing medical equipment and supplies around the globe to benefit some of the most vulnerable people on earth. Jeremie in Cameroon, who coordinates the receipt and distribution of supplies, wrote recently, "OSEELC is blessed once again with the arrival of 20,000 KG of materials and medical equipment from GHM. Yes we did it together! Praise God! Please know that we're so grateful for this shipment and opportunity of this wonderful partnership for the best care of our patients. They will feel Jesus Christ's blessings in their life. Be blessed again!"

Your gifts also help GHM reach into 13 low- and middle-income countries to partner with leaders like Besty in northern Nigeria. Besty trains village health workers (VHWs) who teach their neighbors practical ways to avoid diseases like malaria and typhoid, how to check for malnutrition in their babies, and how to provide the most nutritious food for their children. Lessons like these are improving life for about 58,000 villagers every year, in an area plagued by poverty and persistently in the shadow of Boko Haram.



Through scholarships, program costs, shipping, and consulting with these brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe, your partnership is making a difference.

Together in Christ,

Doug Cox
Doug Cox
Executive Director

Gift Amount: \$39.28

Designated to: GHM Mission Operations

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Gratitude



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God's work. Our hands.

Dear Friends,

"The Word became flesh and lived among us ... full of grace and truth" JOHN 1:14

Thank you for your generosity this past year. Mission support, the money your congregation sends to the synod, goes to strengthen congregations throughout the south-central part of Wisconsin, train and form rostered leaders, and accompany congregations in transition. Approximately half (48%) of what you give to the synod goes to Churchwide to support ministries of the whole church such as: Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. These are vital expressions of God's love in the world. Thank you for your contribution to our shared ministry.

This year we are working on implementing a system to better record financial contributions and our interactions with congregations. This will help us in the Office of the Bishop reach out to you in proactive ways and better leverage our resources to continue building connections, re-building trust, and strengthening relationships within the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Your generosity allows us to do this work, and to continue to accompany congregations through transition, raise up and support candidates through preparation for rostered ministry, and connect and equip congregations for sustainable ministry in our rapidly changing world.

Wishing you and your congregations a blessed and peace-filled Epiphany.

The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe
Bishop
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MAJM
MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY

Dear Staff, Members of Covenant Lutheran Church,
On behalf of the staff + volunteers of the Affordable Transportation Program, we say "thank you so much" for your recent monetary donation. We are so grateful for your continuous support + helping to keep ATP a resource to help those in need of safe + reliable transportation.

In appreciation,
Staff + Volunteers
of
ATP

Friends of Covenant Lutheran Church,
Your support of Madison Area Jail Ministry makes a difference.

Benny will be mentored as he reenters his community and continues his spiritual journey.

A deputy in the Sheriff's office is encouraged to persevere on challenging days in his commitment to keep peace.

Merrin receives a visit from Chaplain Todd, prayer, a Bible and hope for each day he spends in the Dane County Jail.

Thank you for your deep generosity.
You are a great! ~your MAJM friends

thank you

Community Opportunities

Kids in the ROTUNDA

-We're back-
With VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON SHOWS!

FREE SHOWS
for kids & families

SATURDAYS AT
9:30 AM & 1 PM *EG*

In-person shows
with select performances online

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JANUARY 2023

- 7 **Monkey Business Institute**, Comedy Improv
- 14 **Panchromatic Steel**, Steel Drumming
- 21 **Limanya Drum and Dance**, West African Drumming*
+ LITTLE OH BIG OH YOGA
- 28 **L.E.X. .**, Rap for Kids

FEBRUARY 2023

- 4 **Overture's Jerry Ensemble**, Singalong
- 11 **James the Magician**, Magic
- 18 **Jolie Canoli**, Storytelling*
- 25 **Tom Pease**, Songs and Stories

MARCH 2023

- 4 **Trinity Irish Dance**, Irish Dance
- 11 **Little Miss Ann & Suzi Shelton**, Singer-Songwriter
- 18 **Kalaanjali**, Indian Dance*
- 25 **Beni Daiko**, Taiko Drumming

APRIL 2023

- 1 **International Festival**, no Kids in the Rotunda
- 8 **Drum Power**, West African, Afro-Cuban and Afro-Brazilian drumming
- 15 **Magic of Isaiah**, Magic
- 22 **Ken Lonquist**, Earth Day Music
+ LITTLE OH BIG OH YOGA
- 29 **The Lullaby Project**, Lullabies*

*Virtual Performance

VIRTUAL PERFORMANCES:

Please join us at overture.org/kir to participate!

IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES:

For the latest updates about our COVID-19 protocols, please visit: overture.org/health

Schedule subject to change.

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Learn how you can help create arts experiences at overture.org/makeagift.

TIPS & TRICKS:

- Like the Kids in the Rotunda Facebook page for updates, discounts and more!
- Drumming is loud in our space. Consider ear protection.
- 1 PM performances are American Sign Language interpreted. *EG*
- Please plan to arrive early to go through our arrival process.

+the Rotunda cafe is open!

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*The deadline for submitting items for the **March** newsletter is **Thursday, February 22.***

Please submit to form [here](#) or to covlutheran@covluth.org.

Thank you!

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